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CHROMIUM CONTAINING RAW
MATERIAL

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

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SIR:

Responsive to the Advisory Action entered June 15, 2007, indicating that an amendment filed June 6, 2007 would not be entered, and further responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 12, 2007, an RCE being filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment, Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 of Takao Harada (Harada Declaration) **submitted herewith**, and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.